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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MAY 10-11, 1917.

The annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society was held in the Supreme Court Chamber in the Illinois State Supreme Court Building at Springfield on Thursday and Friday, May 10-11, 1917.

The President of the Society, Dr. Otto L. Schmidt, presided at all sessions.

The annual business meeting of the Society was held on Friday morning, when reports of officers and committees were presented, and the annual election of officers was held.

Hon. George A. Lawrence, of Galesburg, was elected Vice President in the place of Mr. W. T. Norton, resigned. Mr. Ensley Moore was elected Fourth Vice President; and Col. D. C. Smith, of Normal was elected Director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Capt. J. H. Burnham.

Mr. Clinton L. Conkling, of Springfield, was elected a Director to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge J. O. Cunningham. All other directors and officers were reelected. A new office was created, that of assistant Secretary, to which Miss Georgia L. Osborne, of Springfield, was elected.

A very interesting exhibit of advertising material, showing the improper use of the United States Flag was made by Mr. E. R. Lewis, of Chicago, President of the American Flag Day Association of Illinois.

The program as presented is as follows:

Order of Exercises.

Thursday Morning, May 10, 10 o'Clock.

Directors' Meeting in Office of Secretary.

Thursday Afternoon, 2:30 o'Clock, in Supreme Court Room.

Mr. E. L. Bogart The Population of Illinois 1870-1910

University of Illinois.

Music.

Miss Verna Cooley . . . Illinois and the Underground Railroad

University of Illinois. to Canada.

Mr. Stephen A. Day A Celebrated Illinois Case That
Chicago. Made History.

Thursday Evening, 8 o'Clock, Supreme Court Room

Music Illinois

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt . . . The Illinois Centennial Celebration

Mr. George A. Rogers . . . Reading. Reverie of Fifty Years

Galesburg, Illinois. After, by Col. Clark E. Carr.

Music.

Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones . . Annual Address. Contemporary

Chicago. Vandalism.

Order of Exercises.

Friday Morning, May 11, Business Meeting,

10 o'Clock, Supreme Court Room.

Reports of Officers.

Reports of Committees.

Miscellaneous Business.

Election of Officers.

In Memoriam Brief tributes to some deceased members of the Society.

Capt. J. H. Burnham By Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, Secretary of the Society.

James Haines By Mr. W. R. Curran, Pekin

Friday Noon, 12:45 Sharp.

Luncheon—St. Nicholas Hotel.

Friday Afternoon, 2:30 o'Clock.

Supreme Court Room.

Rev. P. C. Croll. Thomas Beard, the Pioneer and Founder of Beardstown, Illinois.

Music Mrs. Paul Starne

Mr. Theodore C. Pease The Public Land Policy and University of Illinois Early Illinois Politics

Mr. Arthur C. Cole . . . "The Presidential Election of 1864" University of Illinois.

Friday Afternoon, 5 to 6:30 o'Clock.

Mrs. Lowden received the Historical Society at the Executive Mansion.

The above program was carried out in detail. A large number of the members of the Society attended the reception so graciously tendered by Mrs Lowden and enjoyed her charming hospitality. Col. Clark E. Carr, Honorary President of the Society was at the meeting and was warmly greeted by all of the members and guests. Colonel Carr is an old friend of Governor and Mrs. Lowden, and he greatly enjoyed seeing them at their home in the Executive Mansion.

Colonel Carr made one of his characteristic and eloquent impromptu speeches at the luncheon at the St. Nicholas hotel.

This luncheon was attended by about one hundred and twenty-five members of the Society and was a pleasant feature of the annual meeting

Resolutions were adopted at the Friday morning session on the death of Capt. John H. Burnham and Judge J. O. Cunningham, both founders and directors of the Society. The resolutions on the death of Captain Burnham were presented by President Charles H. Rammelkamp of Illinois College, Jacksonville. Resolutions on the death of Judge Cunningham were offered by Prof. E. C. Page. The resolutions in both cases were adopted by a rising vote.

VISIT OF THE FRENCH WAR MISSION TO SPRINGFIELD AND THE TOMB OF LINCOLN.

On Monday May 7, 1917, Jacques-Joseph Cesaire Joffre, Marshal of France, with his companions of the French War Mission, for the space of one hour and a half was in possession of the city of Springfield, Surrendered for the first time to the general of an alien nation, the capital city of Illinois accorded its peaceful conquerer all the honors and homage which might have been his due had the city been his by right of conquest, and which were all the more due him from the fact that he came in the name of the Republic of France, now the ally of the United States in the World War.

Here primarily to pay tribute on behalf of the French Republic to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, Vice Premier Viviani, Marshal Joffre and the other members of the war mission, were received by the city of Springfield as its own particular guests, and as such were accorded a reception said by members of the party to be the most enthusiastic they have received during their visit to this country. During their entire stay they were greeted with cheers and the plaudits of throngs eager to greet the Hero of the Marne and his co-workers, and the city itself was bedecked as for a gala day in their honor.

The special train bearing the war mission arrived at the Union Station at 3:12 o'Clock.

As the train pulled into the station, the military band struck into the Marsaillaise, the national anthem of the

French Republic, and as the blue-coated figure of General Joffre appeared on the rear platform, the crowd massed about the station and lining the streets, burst in cheers, wildly acclaiming the French chief. With his hand to his cap in a salute acknowledging the greetings, he descended to the station platform, where he was greeted by the members of the reception committee, headed by Governor Lowden.

When the members of the mission had shaken hands with the members of the reception committee, the visitors, committee and special guards took their places in the waiting automobiles and went at once to Oak Ridge Cemetery.

The mission arrived at the tomb of Lincoln shortly before half past three o'clock. As the car bearing the French Marshal stopped before the monument, Joffre raised his right hand in salute. Alighting on the south side of the memorial, the party filed around the monument to the north side, where, led by Joffre and Viviani, they approached the tomb.

As he reached the door to the tomb, Marshal Joffre reverently raised his cap and with bowed head, followed by his companion of the mission, passed into the silence within. Only the members of the French war party were allowed inside, the rest of the group which accompanied the mission about the city standing outside with bared heads during the brief time the visitors were within.

Silently the Hero of the Marne placed the magnificent wreath upon the sarcophagus of the Great Emancipator. For a brief moment he stood with bowed head; then without a word having been said, the party left the tomb, and was hurried back to the waiting automobiles.

When the mission and reception party reached the state house and entered the hall of the house of representatives, every available seat on the main floor and in the galleries, excepting the place near the speaker reserved for the party, had already been taken by the senate and house

in joint session, and their guests. The great hall itself was decorated with American and French flags, and the speaker's stand was banked on one side by a huge American banner and on the other with a correspondingly large French flag.

The reception committee was the first to enter the chamber. Then, amid deafening applause, Marshal Joffre, Rene Viviani, and their companions of the mission, accompanied by Governor Lowden and Lieutenant Governor Oglesby, entered the hall. To the waving of flags and the plaudits of the assembled throng, the members of the mission and the state officials took their places on the rostrum.

Standing at the salute, the white-haired general acknowledged the applause, finally taking his seat behind Speaker D. E. Shanahan, when the Speaker at length was able to restore order and silence the crowd.

White-haired and with snowy moustache, the Marshal of France was an impressive figure as he stood before the cheering crowd in the chamber. He was clad in his uniform of blue coat, red trousers striped with black, and wrapped yellow puttees. On his coat were the military decorations indicating of his rank and achievements, medals awarded him by a grateful republic in acknowledgment of his services in that nation's hour of need. In his hand he carried the red-topped, gold braided cap of his rank, the cap which is said to carry beneath the embroidered leaves the locks of hair placed therein by a score or more of French girls when they executed the delicate tracteries thereon.

When order was again restored Speaker Shanahan stepped forward and introduced Governor Lowden, who gave to the visitors the official greetings of the State of Illinois. Briefly Speaker Shanahan in his remarks spoke of the debt of the American nation to the sister Republic of France, enumerating the achievements of the French which form bonds today between the two nations, beginning with the discovery of the Mississippi valley in

1673, the first preaching of the gospel in Illinois, the first teachers to spread civilization here, the first attempts at government and the first settlements which were all made by the French.

"America," he concluded, "can perhaps never fully repay its debt of obligation to France. But the United States and the State of Illinois appreciate the valor and generosity and heroism of the French people, past and present, and duly honor their distinguished representatives here today."

Governor Lowden's address was brief.

He said: "Almost a century and a half ago we began in this country a battle that is now pending in Europe, the battle of human liberty. In the darkest day of our Revolutionary war, the emblem of France appeared on our coasts; and we won that initial engagement by the help of France.

"Now the cause for which we then fought is making its last stand, not simply in America but around the world.

"It is a great honor to have with us today that distinguished statesman of France who has a right to lay a wreath on Lincoln's grave because all his life has been given to the cause of humanity.

"We welcome that illustrious soldier, Marshal Joffre, because his distinguishing qualities are the qualities that make deathless the fame of our own U. S. Grant, modesty, simplicity, and invincibility in the face of the enemy.

"I now present to you that distinguished soldier of France, Marshal Joffre."

When the applause at length died away, the Marshal of France spoke, but it was only an acknowledgment of his reception, two short sentences in his own language.

"I come here," he said, "to represent France and the French army. For them I thank you. In their behalf and for this reception of their representative, I salute the citizens of the State of Illinois and the city of Springfield."

Rene Viviani, head of the French mission, the only other member of the visiting party to speak, was introduced by Speaker Shanahan.

"France," declared Speaker Shanahan in his brief introduction of the vice-president of the council of ministers, "has been spending her life blood in this fight for freedom since its beginning. America is now in the fight and will be in with France at its close."

Clad in civilian clothes, Premier Viviani lacked some of the picturesqueness of his compatriot, but as he waited for the ovation accorded him to cease, there was an air of earnest and commanding strength about him that marked him as a great leader.

In part, M. Viviani said, as translated by an interpreter:

"The homage of the entire French nation comes with us. I wish you to understand that no matter how far it is from your city of Springfield to France, the vision of this splendid modern democracy is understood by the French people.

"You know that, born of the people and with the most meager of opportunities, Lincoln arose by diligent study and through the virtue of his own native intelligence to become the Emancipator of all modern civilization, attaining his ends by plunging the nation into civil war after exerting every other means within his power.

"Lincoln knew the human conscience; that is the reason he is proclaimed immortal by the entire world. He accomplished this triumph for civilization, and although he is now in silence, by his triumphs and deeds he still lives in the memory of his people and of all people.

"But permit me to say with justice to all, that the French Revolution of 1848 also proclaimed the equality of men, as well as did your own civil strife.

"The United States, this great republic of yours, sister to our own beloved France, is now face to face with the same crisis. We of the French Republic and you in this great nation are now together in this great world war, this war for liberty which started with the French Revolution and now is continuing to defend liberty and the rights of men from the onslaughts of Prussian autocracy.

"A few minutes ago when we heard the words of your governor, we heard told the bonds which have formed an inseparable relationship between America and France. The first French to your shores came to discover the valley of the Mississippi and died in the land upon the boundaries of that great river. But they founded the first government here in that valley, and it is here that we see the domains of our ancestors.

"An now that you have joined us in this fight for freedom, you will, when this struggle is over, have aided in liberating not only France but the whole world."

It is said that the address delivered by Speaker Shanahan on the occasion of the official visit to Springfield of the French War Mission, which contained a great deal of French-Illinois history was printed in full in the greater newspapers of Paris.

General Joffre and party were the guests of the city of Chicago on Friday and Saturday, May 4-5, where they were elaborately entertained.

Members of the party, besides Marshal Joffre were:

Minister of Justice Viviani, Vice Admiral Chocheprat, Marquis de Chambrun a descendent of General Lafayette. Mr. Hovelacque, inspector general of Public Instruction of France., Viscount Dejean, counsellor of the French Embassy, Lieut. Col. Fabry, of the General Staff of the French Army, Lieut. Commander Simon of the French Navy, Lieut. de Tessen aid to Marshal Joffre, Breckinridge Long, third assistant Secretary of State of the United States, Lieut. Col. Spencer Cosby, United States Army, attached to the French Mission, Lieut. Colonel Allen Buchanan, United States Army, attached to the French Mission, Warren Robbins, Secretary of Embassy, Department of State, attached to the French Mission.

THE YEAR 1918 IS THE CENTENNIAL YEAR IN ILLINOIS.

The Historical Society has been asked by the Centennial Commission to cooperate with it in the observance of the

anniversary of the approval of the Act of Congress, April 18, 1818 (The Enabling Act) which authorized the Territory of Illinois to form a State Constitution and Government. It is therefore, the most important anniversary historically, of the Centennial Year. The Territory promptly took the necessary steps to secure its admission into the Union as directed under the act of Congress just mentioned.

The election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention was held on July 6, 7 and 8. The Convention met Monday, August 3, 1818, at Kaskaskia. It was composed of thirty-three members. It completed its labors on August 26.

The first election of State officers took place September 17, 18, 19. The first General Assembly of the new State met Monday, October 5, 1818, and on the next day, October 6, the first governor of the State, Shadrach Bond was inaugurated, and delivered his message to the General Assembly. The General Assembly, on October 7, elected the first two United States Senators from Illinois. They were Ninian Edwards and Jesse B. Thomas. On October 8, the General Assembly elected the Supreme Judge and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

Joseph Phillips was elected the Supreme Judge and Thomas C. Browne, William P. Foster and John Reynolds, afterwards governor of the State, were elected associate justices.

On Tuesday, October 13, at 4 P. M., the first General Assembly of the State of Illinois adjourned to meet at the call of the Governor after the formal approval by Congress of the Constitution of the State.

The Legislature did not enact laws, though it elected important State officials and confirmed appointments by the Governor.

On December 3, 1818, the bill approving the State Constitution and form of Government for Illinois received the approval of the President of the United States and Illinois was declared a sovereign state of the Federal Union on like

terms and footing with the older states. It was the twenty-first state to be admitted and the eighth to be admitted after the original Thirteen.

Therefore, important anniversaries during the Centennial Year are:

April 18. Anniversary of the Approval of the Enabling Act.

July 6, 7, 8. Anniversary of the election of delegates to the Constitutional Convention of 1818.

August 3. Anniversary of the meeting of the Constitutional Convention of 1818.

August 26. Anniversary of the Adoption of the Constitution.

September 17, 18, 19. Anniversary of the first election of State officers in Illinois.

October 5. Anniversary of the first General Assembly of Illinois.

October 6. Anniversary of the inauguration of the first governor of the State.

October 7. Anniversary of the election of the first United States Senators for Illinois.

December 3. Anniversary of the Act of Congress approving the Constitution of Illinois and declaring the State duly admitted to the Union.

MONUMENT TO GOVERNOR THOMAS CARLIN DEDICATED AT CARROLLTON, JULY 4, 1917.

A monument erected by the State of Illinois to the memory of Thomas Carlin, Governor of Illinois, 1838-1842, was dedicated at Carrollton, Greene County, on July 4, 1917. Governor Carlin was one of the founders of Carrollton.

The principal address was made by Governor Frank O. Lowden. Victor S. Holm also delivered an address.

The pretty little city was in gala attire for the ceremonies attendant upon the dedication of the monument and the visit of Governor Lowden and many other guests.

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